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35 years!



Paul in Paris, third from right.

Et tu, Paul?

Business Administration faculty member, **Paul Cubbon**, experienced one of the more pleasurable aspects of international student exchange programs. Paul taught visiting French students from L'Institut des Hautes Etudes Economiques et Commerciales (INSEEC) in the summer of 2002 and hosted a group on a hike and barbeque. The students were keen to return the hospitality. As part of a European holiday in June 2003, Paul and his family spent several days in Paris. The above photo shows INSEEC exchange students **Benoit Escard** (second from left), and **Cindy Fargeot** (second from right), plus Benoit's parents (head of table), entertaining Paul (third from right) to an evening of sumptuous French cuisine. Benoit and Cindy have successfully graduated and are pursuing international business careers. Good friendships have been formed and nurtured, and Paul got to use his schoolboy French for the first time in many years! To cap an exciting summer, Paul became a Canadian citizen in August.

Annual review online

Scan the highlights of the 2002/03 College year by visiting the online annual review found at:

www.capcollege.bc.ca/review3.

The cover of The Road to Success Starts Here features some familiar faces. **Kelly Fuller**, daughter of Computer Services office manager, **Katrina Watts**, leads the grads down the road with her bagpipes. She is followed by parade marshal and Web manager, **Dave O'Leary**. Behind Dave is **Chelsea Gardner**, winner of the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal. Chelsea, the daughter of Humanities division chair, **Dr. Sue Gardner**, was accepted into the faculty of veterinary science at the University of Saskatoon where she started classes this September. The in-house production team for this year's report included: **Shelley Kean** (writer and project manager), **Trula Fountaine** (Web developer), **Randy Snyder** (designer), and **David DeMuynck** (editor). College president, **Dr. Greg Lee**, provided project leadership. Please take a moment to visit the site and send your comments via the online feedback form.

close up



Brenda Chambers

College Aboriginal Film and Television Production instructor, **Brenda Chambers**, was recently recognized for her work in aboriginal broadcasting with a national 40-under-40 award. The award is presented annually by Canadian executive search firm The Caldwell Partners to celebrate the leaders of today and tomorrow. In August, Brenda was awarded the Global Indigenous Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Canada at the World Summit of Indigenous Entrepreneurs. Her twin passions of broadcasting and telling the stories of aboriginal entrepreneurs and communities led her to her own company and an innovative television series. Brenco Media Inc. is a Vancouver-based firm that Brenda set up in 1997. Her series, *Venturing Forth*, has completed three seasons on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. Since 2001, Brenda has been using her experience to educate other budding filmmakers through her work as an instructor at the College. "Right now, the biggest resource that the aboriginal community has is its youth," she said.

More online

Campus renamed

On the advice of the local advisory committee, the Sechelt campus has been renamed the Sunshine Coast campus. This is consistent with other initiatives on the Sunshine Coast to develop regional collaboration and identity. This change is effective immediately.

Canadian Idol finalist

Twenty-four-year-old Capilano College Jazz Studies student, **Laurell Hubick**, sang her way into the top 100 in the most recent Canadian Idol competition. Laurell made it past approximately 12,000 hopefuls, from Vancouver to St. John's, and three rounds of auditions. While she didn't make it into the fourth round, her life was impacted by her excellent placement. "It has confirmed all the passion I have felt this year about performing," she said, adding, "it has given me the assurance that I am going in the right direction by studying music."

"Pop can lady" heads east

Submitted by Aderita Roets

Many thanks to **Maryel Helmers** for her service and generous contribution to Capilano College. Maryel, who has lived on the North Shore for many years, returned to her hometown of Montreal, Quebec at the end of August. Maryel is fondly known around the College as the "pop can lady." She has tirelessly collected pop cans over the past five years and cashed them in to raise funds



to provide financial assistance to Capilano College students. Her efforts have resulted in close to \$20,000 raised for the Capilano College Foundation's Emergency Endowment Fund. The Foundation recognizes Maryel Helmers as one of the College's most generous donors. Her service and generous contribution has set an example, demonstrating the difference one person can make to the benefit of so many.

Furry bears at Fir

Submitted by Margaret Macaulay

Mama bear and Baby bear have taken up residence between the Fir building and the Studio Art building on the North Vancouver campus. Their new home is a beautiful patio designed and built by instructor **Rob Welsh** and his crew of Landscape Horticulture students. The bears, designed and created by an Art Institute sculpture



student, look ever so cute and cuddly — but don't try to lift them, as both have concrete inside. Drop by one day and enjoy lunch on the new patio and picnic with the bears.

Faculty professional development

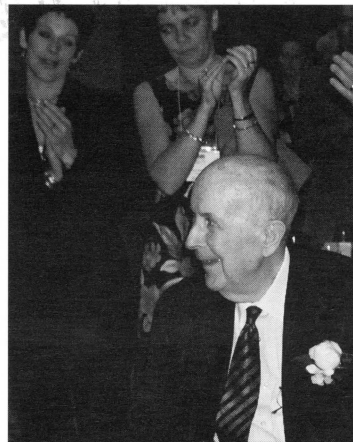
Submitted by Priscilla Stanbury

Professional development days April/May 2003

More than 150 College employees attended workshops and activities organized by the College's Faculty Professional Development committee in April and May. Workshops and seminars were offered at the North Vancouver, Squamish and Mount Currie campuses. The program in North Vancouver covered a range of topics. These included: specific teaching strategies; curriculum development; professional issues; personal well-being; practical technology workshops; and, college related issues. Squamish participants took part in a day's guided canoeing

trip on the Squamish River organized by **Scott** and **Carol Fisher** from the Outdoor Recreation/Wilderness Leadership program. **Roy Jantzen**, from the Geography department, provided commentary on the coastal habitats of plants and animals. Mount Currie faculty members **Lynda Sampson**, **Robert Schuster** and **Karen Switzer** hosted a day at the Ts'zil Learning Centre in Mount Currie. The Ts'zil Learning Centre is run by the Mount Currie Indian Band and has been open for five years. It is an extension of the Mount Currie Foundation.

Full PD details online



McRae honoured

Dr. Robert McRae, namesake and benefactor of the McRae Institute of International Management at Capilano College, was presented with a Friend of Education award at the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education's 10th anniversary gala. The event was held in London, Ontario on June 15 where Robert was on hand to accept his award. Dr. McRae is one of Canada's few philanthropists whose impact in post-secondary education is evident from coast to coast. He is a committed financial supporter of the McRae Institute of International Management at Capilano College and has also provided funds for a chair and scholarships in geology at the University of Toronto. As someone who suffers from a severe hearing disorder, Dr. McRae has become the lead donor in Dalhousie University's School of Human Communication Disorders' AudioChina Project, which strives towards helping the more than 26 million people in China who suffer from hearing loss.

Full details online

HR update

by Saira Merali Walker

Welcome back! This summer we said farewell to several long-term employees and welcomed some new ones.

New Appointments:

Alison Bailey, secretary (TFT), Capilano College Foundation

Susan Kiraly, clerk I (TFT), Registrar's Office

Marcel Opazo, international projects assistant (RFT), McRae Institute of International Management

Bronwyn Stansfeld, early child care and infant toddler educator (RFT), Capilano College Child Care Centre

Sally Westall, admissions/registration assistant I (RFT), Registrar's Office

Farewells:

Kim Emanuelle
Erika Hatswell
Anne Moye
Lori Nelson
Edna Sakata
Cacilda Tang

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